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FOLLOWING JIDDA 7359 SENT ACTION SECSTATE OCT 28, 1977
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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 7359

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: TAIF STOP

REF: STATE 257451

1. TAIF AIRPORT HANDLED SECRETARY VANCE'S AIRCRAFT IN AUGUST.
ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM IN HANDLING AIR FORCE ONE.
2. INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL LOCATED HALF WAY BETWEEN AIRPORT AND
CITY (14 KILOMETERS FROM EACH).
3. HOTEL HAS 120 DOUBLES, 30 EXECUTIVE SUITES (DOUBLE WITH SITTING
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ROOM), AND FIVE IMPERIAL SUITES (2 DOUBLES, 2 SITTING ROOMS AND
DINING ROOM). DOUBT THAT ONLY OTHER ADEQUATE HOTEL IN TAIF (AZAZIA)
COULD HANDLE OVERFLOW OF PRESIDENT'S PARTY AND PRESS. IT MUST BE
BORNE IN MIND THAT KING ALWAYS HAS LARGE RETINUE AND THEY, TOO,
WOULD EXPECT TO BE HOUSED AT INTERCONTINENTAL. DUE TO CROWDED
PILGRIM CONDITIONS, HOUSING OVERFLOW OF PRESIDENT'S PARTY IN
JIDDA WOULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF ROYAL PROTOCOL WERE TO ORDER

EVACUATION OF HOTEL SPACE. AIRPORT FACILITIES IN JIDDA COULD
BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLY BY DIRECT ORDER FROM ROYAL PROTOCOL.

4. FLYING TIME JIDDA/TAIF THIRY MINUTES. DRIVING TIME TWO AND
ONE HALF HOURS UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, PILGRIMS WILL BEGIN
TO LEAVE MECCA ON NOVEMBER 24 AND EXODUS WILL CONTINUE FOR AT
LEAST TWO WEEKS. AT TIME PROPOSED FOR VISIT, IMMEDIATELY
AFTER HAJ, JIDDA/TAIF ROAD (WHICH GOES THROUGH MECCA) WILL BE
COMPLETELY IMPASSABLE DUE TO PILGRIM TRAFFIC. WEST UNQUOTE
VANCE

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